

Subject: Wisconsin USDA Foods Section Back-to-School Information

Below is the School Year (SY) 2019-20 "Back-to-School" Information for the Wisconsin USDA Foods Program.

Handling Charge Rates

There **will be changes** in the handling charge rates for SY 2019-20. Therefore, the handling charge rates for SY 2019-20 are:

FEE CATEGORIES	HANDLING PER GROSS WEIGHT POUND (LB.)
Administrative Fee	\$.012/LB.
Storage Fee	\$.016/LB.
Delivery Fee (if using state-contracted delivery system)	\$.032/LB.

A copy of the [Wisconsin USDA Foods Handling Charge Fees Fact Sheet](#) is available on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website. The last time handling charge rates were changed by DPI was in 2012, at which time the handling charge rates were decreased. Due to increased costs associated with operations, distribution, and storage, these increases are needed to keep the program operating. The DPI strives to keep handling charge rates as low as possible and the DPI has historically had some of the lowest handling charge rates in the nation. Thank you for your understanding with these necessary changes.

Wisconsin Task Force Nutrition Standards

The Wisconsin Task Force on USDA Foods (WiTF) understands and recognizes the importance of providing nutritionally balanced and tasteful USDA Foods in school nutrition programs. Therefore, the WiTF, since SY 2012-13, has established nutrition standards for individual products made available through the Wisconsin USDA Foods Program. These nutrition standards are followed for all state-processed USDA Foods and brown-box USDA Foods made available to Wisconsin SFAs.

The SY 2019-20 WiTF nutrition standards are available on the [WiTF webpage](#).

Wisconsin USDA Foods Back-to-School Resources

The following items have been updated for SY 2019-20 and are available on the DPI website:

1. [Policy and Procedures for the Wisconsin USDA Foods Program](#)
2. [Delivery Service and Receiving Procedures Frequently Asked Questions](#)
3. [SY 2019-20 State-Processed USDA Foods Fact Sheets](#)
4. [SY 2019-20 State Processed USDA Foods Cost Analysis](#)
5. [SY 2019-20 Entitlement Value of USDA and Wisconsin State-Processed USDA Foods](#)
6. [Wisconsin State-Processed USDA Foods Meal Pattern Contribution Guide](#)

7. [USDA Foods Hold and Recall Procedure for Wisconsin Recipient Agencies](#)
8. [USDA Foods Program Timelines \(Calendar\) for Schools](#)

The most current version of the [Online Instructions – School Lunch Program](#) for using the *Wisconsin USDA Foods Ordering System* is available on the DPI website.

Direct Diversion/Cheese Processing Inventory Carry-Over Policy

New USDA Foods Inventory Carry-Over Policy: Starting School Year 2019-20 a new USDA Foods Inventory Carry-Over Policy will be implemented to ensure entitlement is used in the School Year it is allocated. The new USDA Foods Inventory Carry-Over Policy will take into considerations circumstances such as recalls and processing/manufacturing disruptions. The new USDA Foods Inventory Carry-Over Policy will be posted in late summer/early fall. In the meantime we are asking all schools to develop plans to use all entitlement during the School Year it is allocated and not plan for carry-over inventory into the following School Year.